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## Preface

This is the harmonized ANCE, CSA, and UL standard for Thermoset-Insulated Wires and Cables. It is the Fourth edition of NMX-J-451-ANCE, the Ninth edition of CSA C22.2 No. 38, and the Seventeenth edition of UL 44. This edition of NMX-J-451-ANCE cancels the previous edition published in 2005. This edition of CSA C22.2 No. 38 supersedes the previous edition published in 1995. This edition of UL 44 supersedes the previous edition published in 2005.

This harmonized standard was prepared by the Association of Standardization and Certification (ANCE), the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), and Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL). The efforts and support of the Technical Harmonization Committee for Electrical Wires and Cables, of the Council on the Harmonization of Electrotechnical Standards of the Nations of the Americas (CANENA), are gratefully acknowledged.

This Standard is considered suitable for use for conformity assessment within the stated scope of the Standard.

The present Mexican Standard was developed by the CT 20 Conductores from the Comité de Normalización de la Asociación de Normalización y Certificación, A.C., CONANOR, with the collaboration of the SC 20B Conductores para Baja Tensión.

This standard was reviewed by the CSA Subcommittee on C22.2 No. 38 under the jurisdiction of the CSA Technical Committee on Wiring Products and the CSA Strategic Steering Committee on Requirements for Electrical Safety, and has been formally approved by the CSA Technical Committee.

This standard has been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard.

Where reference is made to a specific number of specimens to be tested, the specified number is to be considered a minimum quantity.

**Note:** *Although the intended primary application of this standard is stated in its scope, it is important to note that it remains the responsibility of the users of the standard to judge its suitability for their particular purpose.*

### Level of harmonization

This standard uses the IEC format but is not based on, nor is considered equivalent to, an IEC standard.

This standard is published as an equivalent standard for ANCE, CSA, and UL.

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## Reasons for differences from IEC

This standard provides requirements for insulated wires and cables for use in accordance with the electrical installation codes of Canada, Mexico, and the United States. At present there is no IEC standard for wires and cables for use in accordance with these codes. Therefore, this standard does not employ any IEC standard for base requirements.

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As of September 10, 2010 all products Listed or Recognized by UL must comply with the requirements in this standard except for clauses, figures, and tables in the following list, which are effective September 10, 2011:

Clauses 6.2 and 7.3.1.1 and Table 31.

Between September 10, 2010 and September 10, 2011, new product submittals to UL may be evaluated under all requirements in this standard or, if requested in writing, evaluated under presently effective requirements only. The presently effective requirements are contained in the Sixteenth edition of UL 44.

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# Thermoset-Insulated Wires and Cables

## 1 Scope

1.1 This Standard specifies the requirements for single-conductor and multiple-conductor thermoset-insulated wires and cables rated 600 V, 1000 V, 2000 V, and 5000 V, for use in accordance with the rules of the *Canadian Electrical Code (CEC), Part 1, CSA C22.1*, in Canada, *Standard for Electrical Installations, NOM-001-SEDE*, in Mexico, and the *National Electrical Code (NEC), NFPA-70*, in the United States of America.

See Annex A for the complete list of types covered by this Standard and the specific electrical codes for which they are intended, and Annex B for a summary of construction and test requirements for these types.

1.2 Table 1 provides a summary of the maximum conductor temperature, voltage ratings, and the number of insulated conductors for the types to which this Standard applies.

1.3 This Standard also specifies the requirements for submersible pump cables, with or without jackets, in Clause 7. No type-letter designations are assigned to these cables.

1.4 Products within this Standard may have applications not covered by the electrical codes listed in Clause 1.1.

## 2 Definitions

2.1 The following definitions apply in this Standard:

**Composite insulation system** – a multiple-layer system of materials that fulfills the requirements for both electrical and mechanical integrity of the cable or wire.

**CP** – a thermoset compound whose characteristic constituent is chlorosulfonated polyethylene.

**CPE** – a thermoset compound whose characteristic constituent is chlorinated polyethylene.

**EPCV** – a thermoset compound whose characteristic constituent is a co-vulcanizate of ethylene and propylene with polyethylene.

**EP** – a thermoset compound whose characteristic constituent is a copolymer of ethylene and propylene, or a terpolymer of ethylene, propylene, and a small amount of nonconjugated diene, or a blend of both.

**Equipment-grounding conductor** – a conductor that is defined in the *National Electrical Code* and the *Standard for Electrical Installations* as "Grounding Conductor, Equipment", and defined in the *Canadian Electrical Code, Part I*, as "Bonding conductor".

**NBR/PVC** – a thermoset compound whose characteristic constituents are acrylonitrile butadiene rubber and polyvinyl chloride.

**Neoprene** – a thermoset compound whose characteristic constituent is polychloroprene.

**SBR/IIR/NR** – designates a thermoset compound whose characteristic constituent is SBR (styrene and butadiene copolymer), IIR (butyl rubber), blends of SBR and IIR, or blends of SBR and/or IIR with NR (natural rubber).